

Benton REA Academic Scholarship Program
2008-2009 School Year

Provisions for Academic Scholarship

I Eligible Candidates

All children of Benton REA members, or members themselves; excluding children of persons involved in the selection process.

II Student Qualification Conditions

- A. A candidate must be a graduating high school senior.
- B. Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited educational or training institution.
 - 1. The candidate may be enrolled in any field of study.
 - 2. A candidate may use a scholarship at any accredited college, university or training institution.
- C. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the candidate, or the candidate, must be a member of the Benton REA with primary residence located within the area served by Benton REA.
- D. Recipients must agree to personally accept the award of scholarship at the upcoming Benton REA annual meeting and also to help at the meeting.
- E. Recipients must agree to make presentations at local community meetings.

III Application Procedures

- A. Applicants for scholarships must complete an application form and a 500-word typewritten essay on an assigned topic and include copies of their high school transcripts, SAT or ACT scores.
- B. All applications for the annual scholarship must be received prior to the deadline for submitting the application and essay.

IV Selection Criteria

- A. General Selection Criteria will include the following considerations:
 - 1. Benton REA membership eligibility.
 - 2. Submission of 500-word essay, as assigned.
 - 3. Grade Point Average. A copy of applicant's transcript must be provided.
 - 4. SAT or ACT Scores. A copy of applicant's ACT or SAT scores must be provided.

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- B. The following point scale will be utilized for determining the three recipients of the annual scholarship funds:

Description	Possible Points
500-Word Essay	0 - 30
SAT or ACT Score	0 - 30
Grade Point Average	<u>0 - 40</u>
Total Possible Points	100

Each of the two applicants with the highest average scores will then be awarded a \$2,000 annual continuing education scholarship and shall be available for a period not to exceed four (4) school years.

V Limitations

- A. The recipient of a continuing education scholarship must have completed the number of credit hours necessary to be fully matriculated at the beginning of the term.
- B. Scholarships will be awarded for one (1) school year at a time.
- C. Access to the continuing educational scholarship fund is valid for a period not to exceed six (6) years from the date of initial enrollment in an accredited educational or training institution and shall be available for a period not to exceed four (4) school years.
- D. Recipients of a continuing education scholarship must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher to remain in the program. The student must provide Benton REA with a transcript of their GPA from the school by July 31 of each year.
- E. Scholarships will be paid directly to the candidate's college, university or training institute of choice upon Benton REA's receipt of appropriate evidence that the candidate has been accepted as a full-time student
- F. First priority use of Academic Scholarship funds must be to pay tuition. If money remains after tuition is paid, the candidate may purchase books and submit documented receipts to the Benton REA Review Committee to obtain reimbursement of such expense. Clothing, transportation, appliances, telephones, and food do not qualify for payment.
- G. Unused scholarship funds will be retained by Benton REA. Unused funds may result if a student is over financed or if a recipient ceases to be a student. Scholarship funds that have been sent to a college or university that are not used by a qualifying recipient shall be refunded to Benton REA, not to the student.
- H. Scholarships are not assignable.
- I. Access to a continuing Academic scholarship is contingent upon the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) remaining members of the Benton REA with their primary residence located within the area served by Benton REA.

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Application for Academic Scholarship

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Soc. Sec. # _____

High School: _____

Proposed Field of Study: _____

Intended Institute of Higher Learning: _____

Transcripts/Scores: Please attach copies of your high school transcripts, SAT or ACT scores, and a 500 word typewritten essay to this application and return by mail to:

Scholarship Program
Benton Rural Electric Association
PO Box 1150, Prosser, WA 99350 (no later than December 8, 2008)

I am a high school senior and my **primary residence** is provided electrical service by Benton REA. I understand that I am required to submit a 500-word essay entitled *What are some of the current obstacles facing the development of new generation resources both conventional and renewable, and how would you propose to reduce or eliminate them?* I have read and understand that my application, essay, SAT or ACT scores, and high school transcripts are to be submitted to Benton Rural Electric Association **no later than December 8, 2008** or I will not be considered as a candidate for this year's Academic scholarship program.

I understand that, if selected to receive a Benton REA Academic scholarship, I must agree to:

1. Personally accept the initial award of scholarship at the upcoming Benton REA annual Meeting (February 7, 2009), and also to help out at the meeting, or make other arrangements that are pre-approved by the Benton REA board of trustees.
2. To make presentations at local community meetings during the year.

I understand that if I am awarded a Benton REA Academic scholarship and, for some unforeseen reason, am not able to continue with my education or training, I must notify the Benton REA Member Services Department immediately so that one of the alternates may receive the scholarship.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent or Guardian: _____

Benton REA **Electric** Account # _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____
